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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN AND ASEAN STRATEGIES FOR GATT

MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MTN SEP 12-14.

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1. SUMMARY. GOM AND OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS
WILL ENDEAVOR KEEP GENERALIZED SCHEME OF
PREFERENCES FROM NEGOTIATING TABLE TO INSURE
THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DO NOT DEMAND RECIPROCAL
RIGHTS FROM LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS
IN RETURN FOR GSP. GOM BELIEVES ASEAN CAN
AT BEST ONLY AGREE ON BROAD OUTLINES ON WHICH
TO APPROACH MTN TALKS AND DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS
WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT INDIVIDUALLY BY
ASEAN MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

2. BERNAMA (OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY) HAS
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RELEASED VIEWS OF GOM OFFICIAL ON STRATEGY AT

MTN. ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL UNNAMED IN STORY,
BERNAMA PRIVATELY INFORMS US THAT SOURCE IS
YEE CHEE FONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTERN TRADE DIV OF TRADE
MINISTRY AND A MEMBER OF GOM DELEGATION TO MTN.

3. ACCORDING TO REPORT GOM BELIEVES
THERE ARE INCREASING SIGNS THAT DCS MIGHT
DEMAND RECIPROCAL CONCESSION FROM LDCS
IN RETURN FOR GSP. FOR THIS REASON MALAYSIA
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ASEAN WILL FIGHT TO KEEP
GSP FROM ENTERING NEGOTIATIONS AT TOKYO.

4. MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS FEEL THAT ANY
DEMAND FOR RECIPROCAL RIGHTS BY DCS IS
DIRECT CONTRADICTION BASIC PRINCIPLES SET
FORTH IN GATT DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH WILL
GOVERN NEGOTIATIONS.

5. WHILE DRAFT DECLARATION SPEAKS OF
QUOTE MUTUAL RECIPROCITY END QUOTE, GOM AND
ASEAN FEEL THIS PRINCIPLE SHOULD NOT BE
APPLIED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DC AND
LDC. GSP MUST NOT IN ANY EVENT BE USED AS
STARTING POINT FROM WHICH TO BEGIN TALKS.

6. MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS SAY THAT
DISCUSSION OF GSP WILL DIVERT ATTENTION AWAY
FROM QUOTAS, DUTIES, AND OTHER NON-TARIFF
BARRIERS WHICH EXPORTS FROM LDC HAVE TO
SCALE IN MANY DC.

7. THEY ALSO SAY THAT ONE OF THE
FIRST TASKS FACING ALL DC AT TOKYO IS TO ERASE
TRADITIONAL CONCEPT THAT THIRD WORLD NATIONS
ARE ONLY SUPPLIERS OF RAW MATERIALS AND
SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH. LDC MANUFACTURERS
MUST BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO COMPETE ON AN EQUAL
FOOTING ON WORLD MARKETS WITHOUT HAVING TO
FACE UNFAIR TARIFFS, QUOTAS, OR OTHER BARRIERS.

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IM AS A GROUP ASEAN CAN AT BEST ONLY
AGREE ON BROAD OUTLINES ON WHICH TO APPROACH
TALKS. DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE
CARRIED OUT INDIVIDUALLY. THIS IS WHY ASEAN
COUNTRIES HAVE NOT APPOINTED A SPOKESMAN FOR
TOKYO MEETING AND WILL RELY INSTEAD ON
COORDINATING THEIR EFFORTS.

9. COMMENT: EMBASSY SEEKING CLARIFICATION FROM YEE. MFA OFFICIAL STATES PRIVATELY THAT CHIEF CONCERN OF GOM IS INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AND ITS LINK WITH WORLD TRADE. GOM BELIEVES FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IF REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEMS AS ORDERLY FLOW OF TRADE NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL SUCH SYSTEM DEVELOPED. ADDITIONALLY, GOM BELIEVES ITS INTERESTS BEST SERVED THROUGH INDIVIDUAL NEGOTIATIONS BOTH IN GATT TALKS AND WITH EEC, ALTHOUGH MALAYSIA WILLING COOPERATE AND COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH ASEAN. LYDMAN

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